



New Drug Application Submitted for Investigational Antibiotic Doripenem

RARITAN, N.J., June 6, 2007 /PRNewswire via COMTEX News Network/ -- Johnson & Johnson Pharmaceutical Research & Development, L.L.C., (J&JPRD) announced that it has submitted a New Drug Application (NDA) to the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for doripenem, an investigational carbapenem antibiotic for the treatment of nosocomial pneumonia, a pneumonia that is acquired in a hospital or other healthcare setting.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), two million Americans develop hospital-acquired infections each year, and approximately 90,000 die as a result. Approximately 70 percent of these infections are resistant to at least one antibiotic. Pneumonia is the second, most-common, hospital-acquired infection in the United States and is associated with substantial morbidity and mortality.

Doripenem belongs to a class of antibacterial agents called carbapenems, which are useful in treating life-threatening infections caused by Gram-negative(1) and Gram-positive(2) bacteria. The data supporting the NDA showed doripenem was an effective treatment for hospital-acquired pneumonia. The data also demonstrated the effectiveness of doripenem against infections caused by Gram-negative bacteria, such as *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* and Enterobacteriaceae, including strains of these bacteria that are resistant to other therapies.

Pseudomonas aeruginosa is one of the leading causes of hospital-acquired infections and, because of increasing multi-drug resistance, treatment options are limited. In general, there are few antibiotics available or currently in development to treat the resistant infections - which can be potentially life-threatening - associated with these Gram-negative bacteria.

In clinical trials, doripenem was well-tolerated. The most common treatment-emergent adverse events seen were diarrhea, nausea, constipation, urinary tract infection and decubitus ulcer, commonly known as a bedsore.

The nosocomial pneumonia indication for doripenem had been granted "fast-track" status by the FDA. An NDA for the treatment of complicated intra-abdominal and complicated urinary tract infections was submitted to the FDA in December 2006. These submissions demonstrate the ongoing commitment of J&JPRD and its affiliate, Ortho-McNeil, Inc., to developing novel drugs for the anti-infective market. Pending regulatory approval, doripenem will be marketed in the United States by Ortho-McNeil, Inc. Doripenem is licensed from Shionogi & Co., Ltd., which launched the product in Japan in September 2005.

Johnson & Johnson Pharmaceutical Research & Development, L.L.C. (J&JPRD)

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Ortho-McNeil, Inc.

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(1) Gram-negative indicates a group of bacteria that become red when the bacterial cells are treated using the Gram stain method. This response is based on the chemical composition of their cell walls and is used to identify the type of bacteria. Some Gram-negative bacteria may cause serious infections.

(2) Gram-positive indicates a group of bacteria that become violet-colored when the bacterial cells are treated with the Gram stain. This response is based on the chemical composition of their cell walls and is used to identify the type of bacteria. Some Gram-positive bacteria may cause serious infections.

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